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QUESTION OF THE REALIZATION IN ALL COUNTRIES OF THE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS CONTAINED IN THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND IN THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS, AND STUDY OF SPECIAL PROBLEMS WHICH THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES FACE IN THEIR EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE THESE HUMAN RIGHTS, INCLUDING: PROBLEMS RELATED TO THE RIGHT TO ENJOY AN ADEQUATE STANDARD OF LIVING; FOREIGN DEBT, ECONOMIC ADJUSTMENT POLICIES AND THEIR EFFECTS ON THE FULL ENJOYMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND, IN PARTICULAR, ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION OF THE RIGHT TO DEVELOPMENT

Czech Republic*, Greece*, Japan, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovakia*, Switzerland*, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America: draft resolution

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* In accordance with rule 69, paragraph 3, of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council.

Respect for the right of everyone to own property alone as well as in association with others

The Commission on Human Rights,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 45/98 of 14 December 1990,

Recalling also its resolutions 1991/19 of 1 March 1991 and 1992/21 of 28 February 1992 and Economic and Social Council decision 1991/236 of 31 May 1991, which established the mandate of an independent expert on the right to own property alone as well as in association with others,

Recalling especially resolution 1993/21 of 4 March 1993, in which it decided to conclude its consideration of the right to own property at its fiftieth session,

Recognizing that there exist in the world many forms of property ownership,

Wishing to strengthen further within the framework of the United Nations the protection of the rights of women, in accordance with its resolution 1993/46 of 8 March 1993, by combating gender-based discrimination in the matter of the right to own property,

Taking note of the final report of the independent expert (E/CN.4/1994/19 and Add.1),

1. Welcomes the final report of the independent expert regarding the means whereby the right of everyone to own property alone as well as in association with others contributes to the exercise of fundamental freedoms;

2. Expresses its appreciation to the independent expert for his report, the continuation of his thoughtful analysis of the relevant issues and his conclusions that property ownership is an essential basis of the economic system of any given society and that intellectual property must also be protected;

3. Commends the efforts made by the independent expert to implement resolution 1993/46 by including in his report information on the failure in many parts of the world to protect the equal rights of women to own property;

4. Recommends that all relevant United Nations bodies take into consideration the recommendations of the independent expert;

5. Concludes its consideration of this matter.